

CLAIMS

1. A dispenser having a socket for receiving a cartridge of material to be dispensed, the dispenser comprising a plurality of pins arranged, in use, to engage in a corresponding plurality of apertures in the cartridge to enable dispensing of the material, the dispenser further comprising a mechanism to move the pins, upon insertion of the cartridge into the socket, from a retracted position in which they will not engage with the apertures to a deployed position in which they will engage with the apertures.
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2. A dispenser according to claim 1, wherein in the retracted position, the pins are adjacent to the wall of the socket.
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3. A dispenser according to claim 2, wherein recesses are provided are provided in the walls of the socket to receive the pins in the retracted position.
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4. A dispenser according to claim 2 or claim 3, wherein an inwardly extending lip is provided around the open end of the socket.
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5. A dispenser according to any one of the proceeding claims, wherein the mechanism to deploy the pins is a mechanical arrangement activated by contact between the cartridge and the mechanism such that the insertion force of the cartridge deploys the pins.
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6. A dispenser according to any one of the proceeding claims wherein the pins are provided on a plurality of arms which are pivotably attached within the socket.
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7. A dispenser according to claim 6, wherein the arms are arranged to abut one another in the deployed position.

5 8. A dispenser according to any one of the proceeding claims, wherein a cover is provided to close the open end of the socket, the cover being moveable to an open position by insertion of the cartridge.

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